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1. ON JUNE 13 THE GOE MADE GOOD ON ITS ULTIMATUM TO THE NATION'S STRIKING TEACHERS TO CLOSE ECUADOR'S SCHOOLS IF THE STRIKE WAS NOT ENDED. THE GOE DECISION ALSO PROVIDES FOR THE LOSS OF WAGES FOR ALL STRIKERS SINCE THE MAY 18 BEGINNING OF THE STRIKE AND THE GOVERNMENT IS TAKING STEPS TO RECRUIT NEW TEACHERS.

2. IN THE INCREASINGLY VIOLENT STRUGGLE, SIX BOMBS WERE SET OFF IN GUAYAQUIL ON THE NIGHT OF JUNE 11, SOME NEAR SCHOOLS, CAUSING SIGNIFICANT DAMAGE, BUT NO INJURIES. POLICE RESPONDED STRONGLY ON JUNE 13 TO DEMONSTRATIONS BY TEACHERS AND THERE WERE MANY ARRESTS. POLICE BROKE UP A GROUP OF TEACHERS IN QUITO THAT WERE ATTEMPTING TO BEGIN A HUNGER STRIKE IN A LOCAL CHURCH. THERE WERE TEACHER AND STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS IN FAVOR OF THE TEACHERS' DEMANDS IN MOST OF THE COUNTRY'S PRINCIPAL CITIES, WITH ACCOMPANYING POLICE RESPONSE.

3. UNE, THE NATIONAL TEACHERS' UNION, HAS DECLARED THAT

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THE DEMONSTRATIONS WILL CONTINUE IN SPITE OF THE GOE CLOSURE OF THE SCHOOLS. IN A CABLE TO THE SUPREME COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT UNE'S PRESIDENT, MIGUEL ANTON, PLEADED WITH THE GOE TO BEGIN DISCUSSIONS WITH THE TEACHERS "BEFORE MORE FAMILIES ARE IN MOURNING." THE GOVERNMENT INSISTS THAT THERE WILL BE NO DISCUSSIONS WITH TEACHERS SO LONG AS THEIR MILITANT ATTITUDE IS MAINTAINED.

4. COMMENT: SINCE THE GOVERNMENT REFUSES TO BUDGE AND THE TEACHERS INSIST THAT THEIR STRIKE ACTIVITIES AND DEMONSTRATIONS WILL CONTINUE UNTIL THE GOE NEGOTIATES, IT SEEMS LIKELY THAT THE GOE'S CLOSURE OF THE SCHOOLS WILL NOT BRING THE CURRENT PROBLEMS TO AN END. THE GUAYAQUIL BOMBINGS HAVE SIGNIFICANTLY ESCALATED THE LEVEL OF THE PROBLEM. WITH MORE AND MORE ORGANIZATIONS EXPRESSING THEIR VIEWS FOR AND AGAINST THE STRIKE, THE GOE WILL HAVE TO FACE AN INCREASINGLY POLARIZED AND EMOTIONAL SITUATION IN THE WEEKS TO COME.
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